

# In the United States Court of Federal Claims

## OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

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HELEN V. HUCKSAM,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH  
AND HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

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No. 11-907V

Special Master Christian J. Moran

Filed: July 19, 2013

Attorneys' fees and costs; stipulation of  
fact; award in the amount to which  
respondent does not object

Howard S. Gold, Gold Law Firm, Wellesley Hills, MA, for Petitioner;

Melonie J. McCall, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., for Respondent.

### **UNPUBLISHED DECISION ON FEES AND COSTS<sup>1</sup>**

Petitioner, Helen Hucksam, filed a stipulation of fact concerning final attorneys' fees and costs in the above-captioned matter on July 15, 2013. On July 1, 2013, Ms. Hucksam filed an application for attorneys' fees and costs. Upon review of petitioner's application, respondent raised objections to certain items. Based on subsequent discussions, petitioner amended her application to request \$11,655.91, an amount to which respondent does not object. The Court awards this amount.

Ms. Hucksam filed for compensation alleging that she was injured by the influenza vaccine she received on November 6, 2010. Ms. Hucksam received compensation based upon the parties' stipulation. Decision, issued Dec. 14, 2012. Because Ms. Hucksam received compensation, she is entitled to an award of attorneys' fees and costs. 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(e).

Ms. Hucksam seeks a total of **\$11,655.91** in attorneys' fees and costs for her counsel. Additionally, in compliance with General Order No. 9, Ms. Hucksam states that she incurred no out-of-pocket litigation expenses while pursuing this claim. Respondent has no objection to the amount requested for attorneys' fees and costs.

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<sup>1</sup> The E-Government Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-347, 116 Stat. 2899, 2913 (Dec. 17, 2002), requires that the Court post this decision on its website. Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 18(b), the parties have 14 days to file a motion proposing redaction of medical information or other information described in 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-12(d)(4). Any redactions ordered by the special master will appear in the document posted on the website.

After reviewing the request, the Court awards a check made payable to petitioner and petitioner's attorney in the amount of **\$11,655.91** for attorneys' fees and other litigation costs. The Court thanks the parties for their cooperative efforts in resolving this matter.

The Clerk shall enter judgment accordingly.<sup>2</sup>

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

s/Christian J. Moran  
Christian J. Moran  
Special Master

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<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), the parties can expedite entry of judgment by each party filing a notice renouncing the right to seek review by a United States Court of Federal Claims judge.